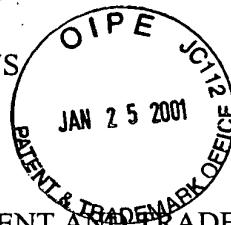


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of David Y. Kao and Fernando Gonzalez )  
Serial No. 08/720,693 )  
Filed: October 2, 1996 ) Art Unit  
For: OXIDATION OF ION IMPLANTED ) 2823  
SEMICONDUCTORS )  
Examiner: George Fourson III )

AMENDMENT "C" AND RESPONSE

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment "C" is being filed simultaneously with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the captioned application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 8, line 7, delete "for" between "of" and "limitation".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995,  
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/720,693
Filing Date	October 2, 1996
First Named Inventor	Kao, et al.
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	George Fourson III
Attorney Docket Number	11675.107

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01/30/2001 JADD01 00000069 08720693
- iii. ☒ Other Addtl Fees-use Dep. Acct. 21-3178 01 FC:179 710.00 OP
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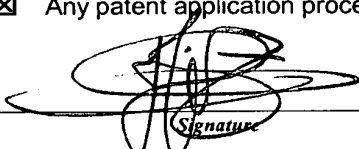

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>11675.107</b>		
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Invention: <b>OXIDATION OF ION IMPLANTED SEM ICONDUCTORS</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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